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Commissioner Hawley called the meeting to order.

ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUE

Mayor Jim Walker and City Animal Control Officer Roy Bryant asked the Board about sharing the cost for fuel for the animal incinerator. The County Animal control officer has been using the City facility until the County can get an incinerator in place. The Board agreed that every other bill for the fuel should be forwarded to the County for payment.

The Board and the Mayor discussed the Dog Tax Ordinance. The Mayor said he would review the City Dog Ordinance and get back with Chairman Hawley.

MARTIN RILEY ARCHITECS

Mr. John Berger from Martin Riley Architects out of Fort Wayne introduced himself and Matt Ridenhoff to the Board. Mr. Berger explained that the company is interested in the Jail Project and gave the Board some literature concerning their company. Mr. Ridenhoff explained that he has the most jail experience in the company. The Board thanked them for their introduction and Mr. Berger asked to be placed on a list for RFQ's when they are sent out.

RECORDER ISSUES

Sherry Payne told the Board that the first phase of microfilming the old records is complete. She wanted permission to begin the next phase because she had them leave the camera and if they pull out it would be another \$800 for camera set up. A motion to pay the additional fees to go to the next stage out of Cumulative Court House was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

CHARGE CARD LETTER

The Board received a notice that one of the charge cards for the County is over 30 days past due. The Auditor will find out who is responsible for that bill and have it processed for payment.

GRAHAM FORD TRUCK FOR PLAN COMMISSION

The Board received a bill from Graham Ford for the truck purchased for the Plan Commission. The bill was forwarded to Darrell Wooten for processing. A motion to approve adding this truck to the County's fleet was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner Boyer moved to pay the payroll. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2007

A motion to pay the \$95 membership dues was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

GIE Claim

The Board received a bill for the County deductible from GIE. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to approve the payment of \$379.08 to GIE for the deductible. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. Commissioner Boyer was absent for this vote.

MEXICO SEWER DISTRICT GRANT FORM

The Board received a copy of the grant submitted to the State from Mendenhall & Associates LLC for the Mexico Sewer District.

WATER ISSUE WEST OF DEEDSVILLE

The Board and Councilman Click discussed a drainage problem with the road west of Deedsville. Commissioner Deeds said it is a major problem and the cost of the project is estimated at \$27,000. The Board would like to use \$10,000 from CEDIT Funds to off set the cost to the residents. The residents will still have a cost of \$17,000. Councilman Click asked if there are any other options for funding such as the Rainy Day Fund or the Riverboat Fund. The Board asked the Auditor to advertise all 3 funds and it would be left up to Council how that project would be funded.

HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Board informed Sam Waltz of the discussion about the drainage problem west of Deedsville.

Mr. Waltz informed the Board of a tile failure on 400 North east of Paw Paw Pike.

Mr. Waltz said he had an employee quit last week. This is the 27th person to replace since he has been Supervisor.

EMA/MIKE PECONGA

Mr. Peconga told the Board he has one application for a mitigation contract grant from the State for a mitigation plan. This is an 80/20 matching grant.

Mr. Peconga said the exercise Saturday with the Health Department went well.

Mr. Peconga also said he got an e-mail Friday concerning a grant for laptops for GIS. He said we already got laptops for this purpose and nothing else can be put on these computers and no one is actually using them. After discussions it was decided to hold off on applying for this.

BF&S/Toby Steffans

Mr. Steffans brought the Engineers Estimate for the project CR 550 E to CR 325 S. and CR 675E to State Road 124. He said the project is scheduled to begin April 15, 2007 and pre construction should begin the first part of February.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER/ GRISSOM GATE ENTRANCE

Ken Einselen brought a proposal for installing a speed bump on Thunderbolt Avenue between Foreman Drive and Olsen Drive. This is to slow down traffic on approach. This is a temporary speed bump while the gate work is being done. The project is estimated completed by August 8, 2007. Mr. Einselen recommends conditions for placing the speed bump. He requests the Air Force patch the holes after the project is completed and the speed bump is removed. Mr. Einselen also asks that the Air Force plow the snow up to Foreman Drive. He feels if the speed bump is damaged during plowing it should be the responsibility of the ones who asked for it to address. He does not want the County plowing that stretch of road. Commissioner Deeds moved to approve Mr. Einselen's recommendation. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD

Tom Gates brought a new form from the State for the Board to sign appointing him to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Commissioner Deeds moved to sign the certificate of appointment of Thomas L. Gates to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

A motion to recess until 1:30 pm was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.
Recess

Reconvene 1:30 pm.

ATLAS

The Board and employees of ATLAS reviewed the progress of the cleaning on the Rotunda of the Court House. Commissioner Hawley said there are some places the Board expected to be cleaner. Commissioner Boyer said there is splashes along the bottom of the stones that he feels should come off. He knows it has been there a while but it looks bad. Mr. Dillen told the Board that they have new chemicals they are using and it seems to be doing a better job. Commissioner Hawley also told them there was a broomstick stuck in the door and the Court House was not secure for a period of time. He said he did not know who did that but no one was around and he will speak to the regular cleaning staff about that not being allowed. The Board and the Atlas employees all recessed to look at some areas of concern.

Commissioner Deeds moved to pay the AIC dues in the amount of \$950. He said it is the only Lobbying power Counties have at the State. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

EMCUMBERANCES

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to approve the encumbrances and corrections in their budgets as presented to them by the Auditor. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Boyer and 2nd by Commissioner Hawley. The motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Deeds left for another meeting.

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, CHAIRMAN
GARY D. HAWLEY

_____, VICE CHAIRMAN
GREGORY DEEDS

_____, MEMBER
C. CRAIG BOYER

ATTEST: _____, Auditor
Brenda Weaver